

# Regular Meeting

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	1
<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 14, 2007
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<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Resolution Recognizing Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day
<b>Background</b>	<p>Since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 in 1962, May 15 has been designated as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week containing May 15 has been designated as National Police Week.</p> <p>In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed a law which directed that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year.</p> <p>Adoption of a resolution for National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day provides an opportunity for the Council, residents, and staff to consider the valuable role of police officers in our community.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The City Council recognizes the service and sacrifice of our police officers.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None.
<b>Attachments</b>	Resolution Recognizing National Police Week and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day
<b>Recommendation</b>	Council to adopt the resolution.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**Resolution 2007 -  
Proclaiming Peace Officers' Memorial Day and National Police Week**

- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Police Department plays an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City's residents; and
- WHEREAS, It is important for our residents to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency and its members; and
- WHEREAS, Members of the Takoma Park Police recognize their duty to serve by safeguarding life and property, by protecting the people against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and
- WHEREAS, The United States Congress and President have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and
- WHEREAS, The men and women of the City of Takoma Park Police unceasingly provide a vital public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND** calls upon all residents of Takoma Park and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13-19, 2007, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all may join in commemorating past and present law enforcement officers, who have served their communities by faithful devotion to their responsibilities, and, in so doing, have established a reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL** calls upon all residents and community members of Takoma Park to observe May 15, 2007, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2007.